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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : ~~Wilhelm F. MAIER~~  
Serial No. : ~~TBA~~ 09/254525  
Filed : ~~Herewith~~ 3-8-99  
For : USE OF MICROPOROUS INORGANIC MEMBRANE  
CATALYSTS  
Group Art Unit : ~~TBA~~ 1789  
Examiner : ~~TBA~~ Henry [unclear]

March 8, 1999

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Cancel all the claims and substitute:

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--4. A process for performing a catalyzed chemical reaction of starting materials using an amorphous microporous membrane, wherein said starting materials are pressed through the pores of said membrane containing